

**Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee
of the Community and Public Works Committee (CAPP)
April 20, 2010**

Committee members present: Aimee Baxter, Chair; Nick Nelson, Vice Chair; Deena Schuppe and Linda Fuller, alternate

Committee members absent: Anne Lacy and Nora Taylor

Public present:

1. Call to Order.

Affordable Housing Committee meeting called to order by Chair, A. Baxter at 6:16 p.m.

A quorum of the committee is present as listed above.

2. Discussion and/or Approval of the following minutes:

A. March 16, 2010

Motion by A. Baxter to approve the Affordable Housing Committee minutes of March 16, 2010 as presented. Second, L. Fuller. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.

3. Habitat For Humanity update and discussion.

N. Nelson sent a letter to Rick Fairbanks, President of Chequamegon Bay Habitat for Humanity, updating him on the progress of this committee. Included with the letter is a list of businesses who are interested in being part of the Habitat for Humanity project. No specific commitments were made by these businesses.

Rick responded saying this sounds great. An April Habitat for Humanity meeting could not be held in April and a tentative meeting has been set for next week.

Short discussion about how late in the summer a project could start.

4. Discussion of the list of interested contractors.

Dave Hackett is added to the list. The Ferry Line is also willing to help. A licensed plumber from Wisconsin is needed.

5. Fundraising options.

A Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) is available for low to moderate housing. This committee needs to talk to Denise Lutz, Executive Director, Ashland County Housing Authority, to see if she would be willing to administer this grant.

Ashland County Housing cannot apply for a grant of this type.

6. Ashland County Housing Authority update and discussion.

L. Fuller spoke with Denise Lutz. Denise said Ashland County does not have funding at this time. Their board meets April 29th and at that meeting the board will finalize their choice between Northwest Regional Planning (NWRP) and SEH, who planned the MI Sanitary District upgrade. NWRP or SEH would then look for funding. L. Fuller will follow up with Denise after the meeting. Denise said depending on funding and requirements this project could happen very fast.

N. Nelson said Dave Hackett knows someone who is interested in funding an entire project for assisted living on the Island. Dave will be in touch with Nick so a meeting could be set up.

N. Nelson emails Denise Lutz the CDGB grant information.

7. Set next meeting and agenda.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm.

8. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by D. Schuppe, second, L. Fuller. All in favor, four ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented May 18, 2010